

## **Minutes Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission C.I.T.Y. Project Subcommittee June 23, 2014**

**Minutes of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission C.I.T.Y Project Subcommittee held on June 23, 2014, 3:30 p.m., at the Westside Multigenerational Center, 715 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St, Tempe, AZ 85281.**

**MEMBERS Present:** Dominic Bonelli, Tiffanie Cappello Lee, Jason George, and Chris Moffitt.

**MEMBERS Absent:** Alexis Blanc, Zaria Guignard, Mohammad Halloum, Franklin Zyriek.

**City Staff Present:** Lily Villa.

**Guests Present:** None.

### **Agenda Item 1 – Call Meeting To Order/Introductions**

**Dominic Bonelli, Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission C.I.T.Y. Project Subcommittee Chair** called the meeting to order at 3:42 p.m.

### **Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of the Meeting Minutes: May 26, 2014**

The subcommittee members silently read the minutes from May 26, 2014 to check for any grammatical mistakes.

**Motion: Tiffanie Cappello Lee** motioned to approve the minutes.

**Second: Chris Moffitt** seconded the motion.

**Decision:** Minutes were approved.

### **Agenda Item 3 - Announcements**

Lily Villa, Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission C.I.T.Y. Project Subcommittee Advisor informed the group that Franklin would not be able to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment.

### **Agenda Item 4 – C.I.T.Y. Project Planning**

- 1) Dominic led the group in a brainstorming session to discuss possible project ideas based on their prior research to find volunteer opportunities for the C.I.T.Y. project.
  - Jason George discussed L.G.B.T.Q. bullying awareness because he felt that the C.I.T.Y. project should focus on a specific field of service.
  - Tiffanie stated that she found a lot of nationally recognized and locally centered volunteer opportunities that the C.I.T.Y. project could emulate.

- Chris Moffitt presented “Helen’s Hope” as a possible project to replicate.
  - Dominic stated that his main concern for the project’s mission is that he wants the student volunteers to be able to witness the change they have made in their volunteer effort. Therefore, he believed that Habitat for Humanity and Harvest for Humanity are two very good organizations in which to take part. Dominic also mentioned an existing volunteer website called [www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org). He felt that their webpage format would be a good blueprint for the C.I.T.Y. volunteer webpage.
- 2) Dominic continued the discussion by mentioning two of MYAC’s existing volunteer projects as possible year-long C.I.T.Y. project endeavors, “Be Fit, Don’t Sit” and “Reading Rocks.”
- Tiffanie stated that in order for one of the two projects to be successful, volunteers would need an orientation and L.G.B.T.Q. bullying awareness could be incorporated into the orientation.
    - Chris asked the group what specific impact the C.I.T.Y. project should make and should it be local or international impact? Lily replied that one of the missions of the project will be to serve the Tempe community.
- 3) Jason summed up the basic project plan for the next three years: Connect with the schools and students, develop a volunteer competition, and then develop a volunteer project in which the Tempe high schools can compete. All subcommittee members agreed that this would be a very effective plan.
- 4) Dominic proceeded to discuss the finer details of the first phase of the project which is connecting with the schools. The basic plan will be as follows:
- MYAC members connect with student councils, school staff, and then the student body.
  - The group will connect with the school administration by e-mailing principals, counselors, and teachers who can support the project in the schools. We will also contact Jevin Hodge as a mediator at the schools.
  - We will connect with the student body by developing logos and songs and forming these into videos and flyers to be presented via the school news crews and media teams.

#### **Agenda Item 5 – Future Agenda Items**

- C.I.T.Y. webpage design planning
- Social media use strategies

The Subcommittee’s next meeting will be **August 4, 2014**.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.**

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Reviewed by: Kim Bauman

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Dominic Bonelli, Chair  
Mayor’s Youth Advisory Commission C.I.T.Y. Project Subcommittee